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The Honorable Stephen Blust  
chairman  
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Washington, D.C. 20573-0001

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Dear Chairman Blust:

It is my understanding the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is beginning the process of reviewing several petitions filed by UPS and other Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCC) granting them the authority to enter into confidential contracts with their customers and eliminating their tariff publication requirements.

As you know, since enactment of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act (OSRA) of 1998, the shipping industry has undergone a dramatic transformation. Large asset based NVOCCs like UPS have entered the market that had traditionally been the domain of small freight forwarders. Meanwhile, there has been significant consolidation among ocean carriers resulting in the loss of major U.S. flagged carriers.

I encourage the FMC to fully take into account the recent evolution of the ocean shipping market as you consider the petition by UPS and others. Additionally, I would respectfully request the FMC closely review its exemption authority under section 16 of OSRA before ruling on any petition.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Frank A. LoBiondo  
Member of Congress

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